

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 4, 1972

Hickman & Waters
Box 260
Des Moines, Iowa

Hello -

It was nice to see you in Keokuk.

You were going to send me a list of the Missouri dies you have. Also, you were going to see if you could get some matching denomination dies.

Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

EPN
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

SCOTT HIGGINS
Call Collect any Time

45/89

Dear Mr Newman I ~~was~~ would like to think you for taking the time to talk to me on the phone, after the conversation, I told Mr Sayer of Johnson City and got reference to you I ~~have~~^{have} no I was a fool for not knowing what an important Gentleman you were I feel that I have insulted you by not knowing your good as I should say exalant name and onisty. I apologise for my ealatercy in my spelling. I went to work at 13 yeres old and had to miss school years I am now 26 and try to educat my self so I wont be asham to right more often.

The ring and Book are a Gift to show my opreseation and my sencer Thanks IT'S The BEST Thing I have, To show how much I oprecoat you taking time for and poor old cantry Boy. my censer Thanks

P.S please keep the Gift whether or not The coin is othetick if The coin is a fabrication please take pickers and put in your next Book

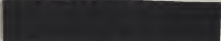
Thanker Scott Higgins

P.S
The Ruby In The
ring is enume

But it would look funny for me to where it with my Blue Jeans and Flanel shirt, hope to meet you one day at Car

Show
To olograph
my Book

June 8, 1989

Scott Higgins


Dear Scott:

Your "Willow Tree Shilling" is a routine pot metal fake and is not silver. It weighs 7.3 grams (112 grains) which as you know is well over the normal weight of 4.6 grams (72 grains). The specific gravity is 10.7 which is too high. The top stroke of the 6 goes straight up instead of curving to the right and there are many die differences.

When you telephoned me I told you to have its picture taken before you sent it. You apparently did not. I told you to send return postage and in your letter you offered me a ring and a book. I realize you were deprived of an education, but you showed great enthusiasm. We will solve these matters.

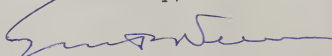
Do you want us to take a couple of tokens for the postage as we can't accept the ring and the book? Why did you send me the Chinese coins, the tokens, and the unclad quarter (on one side)?

As to paying \$ 25 to a coin dealer for his opinion you should ask for the money back. You didn't get an opinion so there should be no fee. You should also return the Noe book if you paid \$ 60.00 for it.

Please let me hear from you promptly. I am sorry you didn't find a rare coin but we have come across many people in the same situation as you.

Keep hunting in the flea markets.

Sincerely,



Eric P. Newman

Scott Higgins
Erwin TN.

2/17/89

Your items are returned
under separate cover.

The \$20 arrived today because
you did not address it to
me, but to the bank as
per the enclosed photocopy
sorry you were so upset
about your error.

Eric Newman



SIMSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Box 2 · 800 Hopmeadow Street · Simsbury · Connecticut 06070 · (203) 658-2500

January 20, 1988

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Mr. Stuart Higley has advised that he would be glad to hear from you regarding the scale on which the Higley coppers were weighed.

His address is:



Our Society will be interested in the progress of your publication.

Sincerely yours,

James B. Tanner
James B. Tanner
Chairman of the Board

High Ridge Books
P.O. Box 286
Rye, NY 10580

March 13, 2000

Dear Mr. Baron:

We have not chatted in several years but your recent catalogue No. 41 has caused me to communicate.

In your item no. 195 you have a Hodges 1864 which is disbound and has a torn title page with no loss.

Here is my proposition. I have an 1862 Hodges in lovely internal condition with U.S. Treasury notes described and listed on the final page. Its spine has been repaired. Its covers are nice. I will exchange it with you for your piece assuming the covers and spine can be put back on yours and made presentable. I will try to repair your torn title page.

If you are interested please send yours and I'll send mine. The exchange ought to benefit both of us.

My kindest regards,

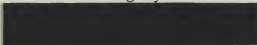
Eric P. Newman

Tel (314) 727-0850
Fax (314) 727-0820

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

January 26, 1988

Mr. Stuart Higley


Dear Mr. Higley:

When my wife and I were driving through the Connecticut river valley, we had the opportunity of contacting Mr. James B. Tanner who mentioned that you owned the scale on which the Higley coppers were weighed. This was quite a surprise to me as I did not recall that it has ever been written up in any numismatic publication. I told him that I would like to contact you in order to see if that would be an interesting thing to do.

I have written on and collected coins and currency for over half a century and fortunately have 6 or 7 different Higley pieces. I also operate a not for profit museum.

I would be very interested in seeing your scale and, if you have a picture of it, I would appreciate if the picture could be sent to me. It so happens that my daughter and her family have their Connecticut home reasonably near you, as it is at 424 Cascade Road in North Stamford.

It is very exciting for those of us engaged in research on early American money to find new things relating to its history, and you certainly have one. If you have any historical background on the scale or its use, that would be helpful.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Dec. 1, 1987

Hil Antiques
312 Randall Rd
Berlin, Mass 01503

Dear Wash couple:

It was so pleasant talking to you at the
Hartford Antique Show. You indicated that
you had two coin scales in your stock and
I suggested that I would be interested in
trying to buy them. You said that you would
consider sending them to me at my expense.

Please price them and send them to

ERIC P. NEWMAN
P.O. Box 14020
St. Louis, Mo 63178

If I buy them (which I hope I can) I will repay you
for the postage. If I don't buy them I'll return
them promptly and repay the postage.

If they are sent other than by mail
you may send them to me at 6450 Cecil Ave,
St Louis, Mo 63105. My telephone by day is
314-331-6540 or in the evening 314-727-0850.

I look forward to hearing from
you.

Sincerely

Eric P. Newman

Gerard Hilferty & Associates

July 17, 2001

Attn: Julie Lew

You asked us for copies of items in our collection for the use of a Museum being erected by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency at Hartford, Illinois to honor the encampment of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1804 at Wood River.

These were a Partial View of St. Louis on a bank note and a plan of St. Louis from Beck's 1822 Gazetteer. We have added Georges Callot's Plan of St. Louis (St. Louis) drawn in 1796 and published in 1826 which is nearer the time of the encampment and shows the fortifications of and for St. Louis.

Permission is granted for the above museum to use these images for this important undertaking. We wish to have these views identified to the public as being "Originals in the collection of Eric P. & Evelyn E. Newman" or some similar appropriate wording.

The charge for having glossy prints made from new negatives by Allied Photocolor in St. Louis was \$75.60 for which we ask reimbursement. We are retaining the negatives in case it becomes necessary for additional prints to be made. We hope we have been helpful.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 5, 1972

Hill Junior College
Willsboro, Texas

Gentlemen:

We would like to obtain a copy of Hill Junior College Monographs in Texas and Confederate History No. 3, which was entitled "Fraudulent Fiance" and was written by Judith Ann Benner.

This would be an addition to our numismatic library and if there is a charge, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

6/19/72

Charles Hilman

Borrowed:

Gruber

Hawkins

1957 B.N.J.

1962 B.N.J.

Returned
1/24/72

Hilman

Dear Mr. Newman

Nice talking with
you today. Here are the
items that you expressed
an interest in. These are
fairly decent. I will
take \$100 - or an
individual base and
\$100 - as a group net.

The river guide sell
for up to \$300 - according
to the local antique
book dealers.

yours,
Roland Hill

ROLAND HILL

Box 2276
PLAINVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS 02762
(617) 695-4921

CUSTOMER'S ORDER NO.		PHONE		DATE 6-29-87		
NAME Eric Newman						
ADDRESS Box 1420 St. Louis, Mo. 63178						
SOLD BY	CASH	C.O.D.	CHARGE	ON ACCT.	MDSE. RETD.	
PAID OUT						
QTY.	DESCRIPTION				PRICE	AMOUNT
9-22-49	Day's Bank Note				75	~
3-24	Day's Bank Note				75	~
Feb 5/848	Thompson B. Note				75	~
Jan 23/845	Thompson B. Note				75	~
6-1-53	Thompson B. Note				75	~
11-5-53	Thompson B. Note				75	~
Feb 19/846	Thompson B. Note				75	~
Mar 3/846	Thompson B. Note				75	~
Feb 14/846	Thompson B. Note				75	~
April 3/846	Day's Bank Note				75	~
Feb 5/859	Hodges				75	~
Feb 1/866	Hodges				75	~
Jan 2/866	Hodges				75	~
1852	condens New River Guide				125	~
Total					TAX 1100	~
RECEIVED BY not for lot					TOTAL	1000 ~

All claims and returned goods
MUST be accompanied by this bill.

Thank You



From the desk of
Ronald Horstman . . .

Eric,

Roland Hill had
a group of book note lists
for sale. If you wish to
contact him his address is
Box 2276 Plainville
Mass 02762 [REDACTED]

I purchased the last 3
listed.

Ron

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Roland Hill

7/8/57

Box 2276

Plainville MA 07661

Dear Mr. Hill:

I appreciate your prompt cooperation in sending the bank note reporters & detectors as well as the river guide. I have about 50 of those items already, but there is always something new in them. Most of mine cost \$10 to \$15 and I never paid over \$40 for any. However things have changed. I am surprised there was not more interest in them in Memphis.

I hesitate to ask for a price adjustment but two of the items are rather ragged and missing part and these should not be over \$50⁰⁰ each and my opinion considering the others worth \$75. There is a Day which I can't use and it is returned herewith.

Thus, your gross total of \$1100 is reduced to \$1025 by the return and to \$975 by the price reduction and to \$877.50 when the 10% discount for bulk is applied. Checks are enclosed accordingly.

Please let me know if you have any 18th century or early 19th century almanacs from anywhere with money conversion or exchange tables in them or any with listed counterfeit bank bills. I have perhaps 30 already.

You also said you had some Heath's or other detector books and I would like a list stating size, edition, date of copyright and the ^{page} number of the last numbered page. I collect all numismatic books so anything in that line is welcome.

I look forward to hearing from you

Sincerely

Eric P. Newman

P.S. on the Hodge dated 21-1-1860
it is written

"\$25⁰⁰ lot"

P.P.S. My license fee packages in

P.O. Box 14000 St. Louis 63176

Thomasons Bank Note Reporter

Feb 19, 1846 XF

March 3, 1846 XI

Feb 14, 1846 XI

June 1, 1853 VG

Nov 5, 1853 VG

Feb 1848 XF

Jan 23, 1845 XF

Mayo New York Bank Note List

Sept 13, 1846 VF

Sept 20, 1847 VG

March 6, 1846 VG

Grubbs & Co. New York
underfoot Record
March 5, 1851 F

~~James & Leonard's N.Y. Bank Note List~~

~~Jan 1, 1851 XF~~

Hodges Journal of Finance and Bank

Reporter Jan 16, 1860

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THE OLD EXCHANGE

and Provost Dungeon

"One of the Three Great Public Buildings of Colonial America"

Telephone: 803/792-5020

East Bay at Broad Streets, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

March 24, 1981

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic
Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

This letter is being written to you on the basis of certain information contained in correspondence dating back to 1967. A telephone call of March 23 confirmed that you are still at this address, and I would like to solicit your help.

The earlier correspondence was between yourself and Mr. Charles Lee, the Director of our State Department of Archives and History and also between you and Mr. Harrington Bissell who operated--as a commercial enterprise--the Provost Dungeon, a tourist attraction of historic interest located under the Exchange Building here in Charleston.

The State of South Carolina has undertaken to restore the Exchange Building to its original grandeur, and that restoration project is nearing completion. The correspondence referred to above has been given to me by Mr. Bissell, and I am anxious to reestablish contact with you particularly with respect to the original of the 1767 Public Order relating to the Exchange Building.

At this writing, our plans for an appropriate dedication ceremony in mid-September are being formulated, and I see the possibility of utilizing the original of the Public Order as a feature of the dedicatory exercises.

We are currently "feeling our way along," and your response to this letter will be most helpful. Any guidance you might be able to give with respect to obtaining--on loan--an original of the Public Order will be appreciated. Because of Mr. Harrington's earlier interest in this matter, we have access

to reproductions, but an original could add a great element of interest during the period of dedication. Thank you for any help you might be able to give.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John E. Hills". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

John E. Hills,
Director

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

April 8, 1981

Mr. John E. Hills, Director
The Old Exchange
East Bay at Broad Streets
Charleston, SC 29401

Dear Mr. Hills:

We believe it is important enough ^{for you} to have an original of the Public Order used to raise money to build the Exchange Building.

^{The} problem is whether security, insurance and expenses can be provided. ^{We} assume that the matter is no longer commercial and that the project is being undertaken by the government.

After we both have the opportunity to give the matter some thought you may get in touch with me at any time.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Dec 6, 1968

To Ann

Date 11/5/68 Time 3:55 pm

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

Mr. Craig Hinde **HIND**

of Carbondale, Ill.

Phone _____

TELEPHONED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PLEASE CALL HIM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CALLED TO SEE YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	WILL CALL AGAIN	<input type="checkbox"/>
WANTED TO SEE YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	RUSH	<input type="checkbox"/>

Message Operator 51, Carbondale

453-2365 is

Mr. Hinde's number

Wanted to connect to him

Will get him tomorrow

F. 68

Operator

October 31, 1968

Mr. W. Craig Hinde
Southern Illinois University
Carbondale, Illinois 62901

Dear Mr. Hinde:

In addition to the two items mentioned in your letter of October 21, we have a picture of a keel boat in 1817 and this may also be of interest to you.

We have a picture of Edwardsville about 1815 and Cairo about 1837.

We will be glad to try to be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

September 10, 1981

Mr. Robert P. Hilt II
P. O. Box 623 DTS
Omaha, NE 68101

Dear Mr. Hilt:

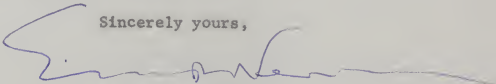
You were thoughtful to put a note into the copy of your "Die Varieties of Early U. S. Coins" which I ordered from you. The note commented on your view that the 1804 dollar obverse die was made up from an old spare die dated 180_ which was complete except for the last digit of the date. You also state that ~~as~~ to the 1801, 1802 and 1803 dollar proofs as well.

I was pleased to read all of the research which you did on die varieties of the early material and hope you are progressing well on Volume 2. I might suggest that you not be so hard on prior writers as they often had limited sources of information and you have their findings to work with.

I do have some questions. Do you feel that an obverse die having border denticles already on it was machined to produce a flat border on the circumference? Do you feel the denticles on the 1801, 1802 and 1803 proofs and the 1804 are the same as on the old type 180_ dies? Do you feel that then existing reverse dies had a flat border machined onto them if there were already finished dies without a flat border? Why would the borders be changed in style if dies were already made up and merely needed machining to a different diameter to fit into a collar die?

Write me at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,



Eric P. Newman

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BAC-BE
Russell

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 24, 1971

Mr. Brooke Hindle
Department of Humanities
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Dear Mr. Hindle:

Your letter about Rittenhouse was very welcome. I felt that I had something new and you have cleared up some of the problem I was confronted with.

There are no other engraver's names on the balance of the March 25, 1776 issue. There are none on the prior or subsequent issues so far as I can see. The style will have to be the determining factor in this regard.

In issuing this money, New Jersey violated the conditions of the Crown's 1775 approval of the enabling act. Rittenhouse would have liked that.

You mentioned the motto Fugio and the motto Mind Your Business. These are discussed in an article I previously wrote in which I have attributed those mottoes to Franklin, not Rittenhouse. I also wrote another article on identification of E. G. as Elisha Gallaudet, an engraver.

Last, but not least, I am a M. I. T. graduate of 1932, so welcome to my alma mater.

I will let you know what else I find on the subject at hand and hope you do likewise.

Thank you, again, for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 27, 1971

Mr. Brooke Hindle
52 North Monroe St.
Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450

Dear Mr. Hindle:

Dr. Whitfield Bell, Jr., was kind enough to advise me that you were the expert on David Rittenhouse.

A few weeks ago I was advised that on the \$6 New Jersey paper money authorized March 25, 1776, the left floral border ornament showed the engraver's name "Rittenhouse" in minute letters. I carefully checked specimens of this issue and confirmed the fact. It had never been known, numismatically, that Rittenhouse had engraved any printing blocks for paper money. He signed the paper money of Pennsylvania dated March 21, 1783. This is all I knew about him, numismatically, until he became Director at the United States Mint.

What I would like to know from you is whether David Rittenhouse did artistic engraving; whether this could have been done by any other member of the Rittenhouse family.

I am enclosing a piece of the dust jacket from my book, *EARLY PAPER MONEY OF AMERICA*, which illustrates the note, although you need a little imagination to read "Rittenhouse" in the crescent in the center of the left border.

Any light you could throw on this problem would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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Brooke Hindle
Dept of Hist
N.Y. Univ.

GI 48045
52 North Monroe St
Redgewood, N.Y.



NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Graduate School of Arts and Science
Department of History

19 UNIVERSITY PLACE, ROOM 400, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10003
AREA 212 598-2851

August 30, 1971

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Your inquiry about Rittenhouse and the New Jersey E6 note is fascinating to me. The connection seems very possible to me although I have nothing positive to offer.

I should note that I am quite ignorant on the subject of early paper money. I never investigated it in connection with David Rittenhouse because I had no reason to suspect a connection. There is none in his letters and papers.

Early engravers were usually silversmiths, but the trades of clockmaking and silversmithing were often combined. Rittenhouse was the most accomplished of the American clockmakers and scientific instrument makers. In his manufacture of both clocks and instruments, he used engraving and there is no doubt that he could have engraved paper money plates in his shop in Philadelphia. If he did this New Jersey issue, one would suspect that he also did other issues. Perhaps other possibilities will now turn up.

The chronology is interesting. Rittenhouse was elected to fill Franklin's seat in the Pennsylvania Assembly on March 2, 1776; he was shortly appointed to the Committee of Safety. At this critical phase of the Revolution, Rittenhouse was primarily absorbed in political matters. However, I would assume that his shop kept running with his supervision. His dedication to the Revolution was such that he might well have responded to New Jersey's need for a currency plate--even if he had never made one before.

Benjamin Rittenhouse was David's brother and he also made clocks and instruments, first in Worcester Township and then in Philadelphia. Benjamin became superintendant of the state gun lock factory in Philadelphia sometime before David was appointed to the Committee of Safety. I do not have the date by me but suspect he was in that job when the New Jersey plate was being made. David's established shop would (on the basis of guesswork) appear to have been in a better position to make the plate.

There is another factor. David Rittenhouse entered his name on his clocks and instruments as "Rittenhouse," "D. Rittenhouse," and "David Rittenhouse." It is generally believed that Benjamin used nothing but "Benjamin Rittenhouse." David was the most illustrious of the two and had an acknowledged primacy. This is but slight support for the probability that David did the plate--but I would guess that it was he.

returned
no such
address

Recd 2/21/72
9/17/70

Mr. Newman--August 30, 1971--page two

There is one other episode that carries Rittenhouse back to the numismatics of 1776--although it is more conjectural even than your discovery. The obverse of the Continental Dollar of 1776 carried two mottoes "Fugio" and "Mind your Business!" (The engraver, "E.G." was, in any case, not Rittenhouse.) However, Rittenhouse did make a clock for Thomas Barton, his brother-in-law, in 1756 which carried the mottoes "Tempus fugit" and "Go about your business." Now, tempus fugit is the most familiar clock motto--but it is certainly less usual on currency. The probabilities of the two appearing combined on the dollar by sheer coincidence would seem remote.

If any of these comments connect with information in your hands, I would appreciate hearing from you. You will find most of what I have reported documented in my biography of Rittenhouse if you need this. Meanwhile, I shall look into your book--because this possibility raises some important questions.

Let me record my address for the next academic year. I will be on a visiting appointment at:

Department of Humanities
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Thanks for writing and good luck.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Brooke Hindle". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Brooke Hindle
Professor of History

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 17, 1972

Dr. Robert I. Hinkley
State Street
Groveton, New Hampshire

Dear Dr. Hinkley:

It was nice to hear from a Vermont enthusiast. I know Dr. Stanley Wessler very well and hope your son stays with our hospital group as we certainly are continuing to build an outstanding medical staff here.

My Vermont collection was very difficult to grade and perhaps I overgraded many of the pieces. A list of those I own is enclosed. I never stressed varieties but kept adding whatever came along.

I presume you have some of the choice pieces from Ted Craig's collection which you obtained through Dave Bowers.

I wonder if you know what happened to the Bennington Museum pieces which were stolen.

My only real contribution to Vermont varieties is the article I wrote in 1958 for the A. N.S. Centennial publication.

The next time you visit your son, please feel free to call me up and we will have a little fun with our hobby.

My father was a surgeon so at least your son and my son have the proper vocational background in a parent. I wandered from the fold and he didn't.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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ROBERT I. HINKLEY, M. D.

STATE STREET

GROVETON, N. H.

November 28, 1972

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63110

Dear Mr. Newman;

I appreciated your reply to my recent letter, and wish to thank you for sending the list of Vermont pieces for my records.

Regarding the Bennington Museum collection, I have acquired some nice pieces from private sources in the past few years, but have checked them out with Bob Vlack to make certain they did not come from that collection, and so far all have been cleared. One certainly wonders where stolen collections disappear to. I guess everyone who collects Colonials is aware of them.

My son was home for Thanksgiving and was interested to read your nice reference to Dr. Wessler and the hospital.

Your collection is certainly very nice, particularly the Ryders 2 through 9, which are hard to find in choice condition. If you should ever feel inclined to part with your unique R-34, I have several duplicated which you might be interested in, including R-26, v.g.; R-30, xf; R-36, fine, and a R-1, fine. I would certainly like to do some "horse trading"!

I hope you might keep in touch with me from time to time. Maybe I will see you in Boston next August at the A.N.A. meeting; if I get to St. Louis before then I will certainly call you.

Best regards,


Robert I. Hinkley, M.D.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 21, 1975

Robert I. Hinkley, M. D.
State Street
Groveton, New Hampshire

Dear Dr. Hinkley:

I was away over the holidays and appreciated your Christmas greetings.

I hope to meet your son and if I can do anything for him he should feel free to call me.

Have you ever had nice pictures taken of the Vermont pieces you have? It would certainly be important to assemble a choice set of photographs.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

Feb. 15, 1964

Chris P. Newman
St. Louis Missouri

Sir,

I saw the pictures of your \$10.00 bank notes, in the St. Louis Post Dispatch.

I have a \$10.00 bank note it looks like as follows.

Left Corner - No. 10 in a sq, below no 10 is the no. S. 1665.

Right Corner - ~~in~~ a big X, below the X is the no. S. 1665.

In the middle, is a big Eagle with claws at the left & the eagle is holding a feather in his right foot & heathen his feet is a scroll. The \$10.00 bank note read as follows:

The President, Andrew C. of the Bank of the UNITED STATES, Promises to pay _____ or BEAR TEN DOLLARS, on demand.

Philadelphia, July 10, 1835.
S. J. Anson. "Cash"

M. Biddle, Pres.

I was wondering if you would be
interested in buying this bank note.

I thank you

Mrs. Betty Zinkischer
500 S. Van Buren Street
New Athens, Illinois

P.S.

Please Let me know.

I will be out of town March 26 to March 31
we have no phone.

February 27, 1964

Mrs. Betty Hinterscher
500 S. Van Buren
New Athens, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Hinterscher:

It was nice for you to write about the
banknote in the Post Dispatch.

Your note is a Bank of the United States
\$10 note. Most of those remaining are counterfeit.

If you will send it to me I will be glad to
sell it for the best price I can get for you which,
of course, will be subject to your approval. It
ought to be worth between \$5 and \$10, depending
on its condition.

If I do not have the particular variety in
my collection, I will want to buy it for myself.

Please send it to me if you want to sell it.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

April 8, 1991

Eric P Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Sir or Madam:

I have been trying to locate some information about a German-American medal that I've recently acquired. In the course of doing so I have written to various people and organizations, including numismatists, military medals and memorabilia collectors, and the German Society of Pennsylvania. In a response to one of my inquiries, Alan Stahl, of the American Numismatic Society in New York, noted that St. Louis had a sizable German population. Mr. Stahl was kind enough to provide me with your address as a possible source of information. The medal relates to a "Washington Artillery Company".

I am a serious collector of early (pre 1870's) medals and tokens relating to George Washington. I've recently purchased a medal that appears to be a previously unreported variety. It's described as "Baker-unlisted German American Shooting Medal" (see attached), and apparently dates back to 1842. "Baker" refers to an early reference book written in 1885 cataloging Washington tokens and medals. Although this book has recently been updated, the series is still identified by their "Baker" numbers.

I've spoken to the person who prepared the catalog that I bought the medal from, and he told me that he believed that it was from an early militia unit that was comprised of German-Americans. He explained that it was common back then for units to be made up of immigrants from other countries (Ireland, etc.), and that such militia units even fought in the Civil War. I find this argument persuasive, since it would seem odd for a German military unit to otherwise be named in honor of George Washington.

One of the people that I've written to in my efforts to uncover the mystery of the medal is George Harris, a dealer in military orders and decorations. In responding to my inquiry, Mr. Harris explained that there were hundreds of militia organizations in the period from 1800-1861, and that many of them used "Washington" in their title. Mr. Harris also noted that most of the German speaking units came from southern Pennsylvania or the midwest. Is it possible that the Washington Artillery Company was from the St. Louis area? If your organization is not familiar with this medal or the Company, could you perhaps provide me with the address of a local historical society that might be of help?

As you may be aware, collecting Washingtonia has a fairly lengthy history, with a major reference book having been written in 1885. In fact, my understanding is that in the 1860's Washington medals and tokens were

the most popular series in numismatics. Thus, a previously unreported variety from 1842 is quite significant.

Baker's 1885 reference book was revised and updated in 1985 by Russell Rulau and George Fuld. I've been in contact with Mr. Rulau and Dr. Fuld, and both have confirmed that they are unfamiliar with the piece. Dr. Fuld noted that although surprising, he was not shocked to see a German Washington company, and mentioned that for years he had tried to get some information on the "Washington Guard" medals (made about 1870), including from the Library of Congress, but to no avail.

I also would greatly appreciate any other assistance or suggestions as to how I might go about researching this subject. Since the piece is apparently unknown numismatically, it would seem that trying to approach the matter by finding out about the military unit might ultimately yield information about the medal itself. At the very least, learning something more about the Washington Artillery Company will add interest to the medal, even if specifics about it prove to be elusive.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. For your convenience, I am enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope to assist in your reply. I'll be looking forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. H. Hirsch', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David H Hirsch

1505 Berkeley Dr.
Lompoc, CA. 93436

(805) 735-2969 (evenings)
(805) 736-1261 (daytime/work)

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

April 22, 1991

Mr. David Hirsch
1505 Berkeley Drive
Lompoc, CA 93436

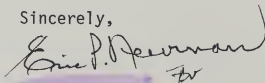
Dear Mr. Hirsch:

I know nothing about the Washington medal about which you inquired. The Germans in St. Louis did not arrive in great quantity until 1848, and your medal is prior to that period. I do not find a Washington Artillery Company listing in the St. Louis directories for the period.

A new book on Washington medals is about to be published by Jack Collins (2840 Indiana Avenue, South Gate, CA 90280). I believe he would be able to help you if anyone could.

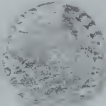
I have not been very helpful in the solution, but don't give up.

Sincerely,



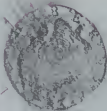
Eric P. Newman

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obverse



Reverse

December 1, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
StLouis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Reference is made to your most interesting story in Empire Topics - issue #7 - regarding The Machin's Mills Mint Near Newburgh, New York, which I found highly intriguing inasmuch as I happen to have a coin bearing a similar obverse but with the reverse engraved "Hibernia" - 1783.

varities
Your article mentions hundreds of/British halfpence dated from 1770-1775 and a few dated 1781, 1784 and 1785. In view of the absence of 1783 in your listing I thought perhaps this might be one of the coppers made in New York and if so perhaps you might wish to examine it. If so, let me know and I will gladly forward for your inspection. This coin can only be graded G-VG - the markings are discernible on both sides and a tracing is enclosed which might enable you to decide whether or not you wish to inspect it.

I am starting out to accumulate some Colonials and hope to acquire one from each of the 13 original states - Needless to say your articles on Fugio cents and Virginia coinage will become part of my personal library.

Sincerely,

Harold J. Hirschfield
Harold J. Hirschfield
303 Colonial Road
West Hempstead, New York
ANA #31532

*The Red Book does not list this particular
coin under the Hibernian series
Your comments will be most welcome.
HJH*

December 9, 1959

Mr. Harold J. Hirschfield
303 Colonial Road
West Hempstead, New York

Dear Mr. Hirschfield:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 1, 1959. I am always glad to try to answer questions, particularly with respect to the Colonial series, in which most of my research is done.

The rubbing of the coin you forwarded is an Irish halfpenny which appears to be a counterfeit, as you indicate.

In my article in *Empire Topics*, concerning the Machins Mills Mint, I was only referring to the English-type halfpence as that is the only kind minted in this country. Imitation Irish halfpence were all made abroad even though they circulated here.

I gave a lecture on the subject of Machins Mills at the A.N.S. in New York, in November, and, in due course, will write a monograph covering the information I have assembled.

Good luck in your collecting of the Colonial series.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN

P.S. The American catalogues would not list this Irish halfpence and the only reason it lists the Woods' Irish halfpence is because Woods made the Rosa Americana series.

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303 Colonial Rd
West Hempstead N.Y.

January 2, 1960

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

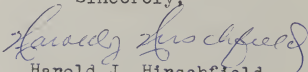
Dear Mr. Newman:

Just a note to say thanks for your kind reply to my query on the 'counterfeit' 1783 Hibernian coin. A little back-tracking on an item now and then helps keep up my appetite in this business of collecting.

I do appreciate the time you took from your duties to assist me and should you at any time desire me to do you a favor in and about our metropolitan area in connection with your research work, call on me - I'll be glad to try and help.

Season's best.

Sincerely,


Harold J. Hirschfield
ANA 31532

UNION COLLEGE

Schenectady 8, New York



September 25, 1958

Division of Humanities

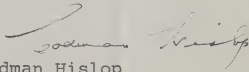
Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

This will turn the coincidence you mentioned to Mr. E. P. Abbott into a bit of good luck for you, for Union College does, indeed, own a copy of Eliphalet Nott's book entitled Federal Money, published in Cooperstown in 1797. We suspect here at the College, that it is a unique copy. I am sure that we can make arrangements for you to see it; just what the machinery for that will be I will have to discuss with our Librarian. It might be necessary to have it microfilmed or photostated. I will wait until I hear from you before I discuss this matter further.

I am still very much hoping the Eliphalet Nott ten dollar note issued by the Mohawk Bank of Schenectady will turn up. If you have any further word on it, I shall be delighted to hear from you.

Sincerely,


Codman Hislop

CH/j

October 2, 1958

Dr.Codman Hislop
Union College
Schenectady 8, New York

Dear Dr.Hislop:

As to the little book on Federal Money, I would be very glad to have the opportunity to read it and if it could be sent on inter-library loan to the Mercantile Library, in St.Louis, or the Missouri Historical Society, in St.Louis, that might be simpler.

You might let me know how many pages it is as it might be worth while to consider having it republished in one of the coin magazines. It would, of course, depend on whether the content was interesting.

I will be looking for the information concerning the \$10.00 Mohawk banknote.

I hope I can be of help to you, just as you are being of help to me.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

UNION COLLEGE

Schenectady 8, New York



October 10, 1958

Division of Humanities

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I discussed the matter of Nott's Federal Money with our Librarian, Mr. Helmer Webb, and he thinks it would be best if you would ask the authorities at the St. Louis Public Library (I take it he knows people there), to request Federal Money on loan from Union College. Mr. Webb, as soon as he receives their request, will send the book to the Library, earmarked for your use only. Inasmuch as the copy is probably unique we are pretty chary about letting it out of our hands.

I'll be interested in knowing what you think of it. I'm sure permission can be got here for making the sort of use of it you seem to have in mind.

And do keep your eyes open for that Nott Mohawk bank-note.

Very truly yours,

Codman Hislop

Codman Hislop

April 13, 1965

Historical Society of Delaware
Old Town Hall
Wilmington, Delaware

Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith photocopy of a piece
of private Revolutionary War money.

I am trying to determine whether this
item is from Wilmington, Delaware, or Wilmington,
North Carolina, both of which had a borough status
in 1777. Caleb Sheward must have been a prominent
citizen and I would appreciate knowing whether you
can identify whether he lived in your Wilmington.

I will be most appreciative of your
cooperation as I am using this in a book on the
subject of Colonial Paper Money.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 26, 1978

Historic Urban Plans
Box 276
Ithica, NY 14850

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find a check for \$58.50, plus \$1.00 for packing,
for 3 copies of "St. Louis in 1874" views, and for 1 "Hannibal 1869"
views.

Please send an additional copy of your brochure as other
orders will probably be forthcoming from friends of mine.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman

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